

APRON STRINGS

Mother-in-Law Trouble Wins Divorce for Wife

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Mrs. Geraldine C. Bargiacchi, 30, testified in Superior Court today that her mother-in-law's apron strings snagged her marriage.

She told Superior Court Judge James R. Agee that her husband, Dewey C., 34, manager of the Villa de la Paix, was dominated by his mother in their family relationship.

Mrs. Bargiacchi also complained that the mother-in-law attempted to dominate her. She further confided to the court that

her husband's unexplained absences from their home resulted in no family life for the couple.

She was granted an interlocutory decree in the uncontested hearing. The Judge also awarded her a settlement of \$75 monthly for each of her three children and \$150 a month alimony.

Mrs. Bargiacchi also was given a \$2500 cash settlement to set up a home for the family. The couple's three children are Victoria, 7; Francis, 5, and Theresa, 2.

They were married in 1943 and separated last month.

Cafe Owner

To Run for

City Council

THE MAR 17 1959

Dewey F. Bargiacchi, 39, restaurant owner, is a candidate for the District 3 seat on the Oakland City Council.

He was born in Oakland and is a lifelong resident. He attended Cole, Lowell Junior High and Oakland Technical High Schools and St. Mary's College.

Bargiacchi formerly operated the Villa Chartier, founded the Villa de la Paix, and now owns and operates the Chandelier Restaurant.

He is a member of the Athens Club and St. Mary's Alumni Association and past president of Lake Merritt Aerie of the Eagles. He has been active in March of Dimes promotional campaigns and sponsored and participated in public service radio broadcasts.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army.

If elected, he said, he will work to strengthen the citizenry's faith and pride in the council. Believing that representative government must be responsive, he said he will weigh each issue on the basis of whether it is in the public interest and represents the will of the people. He pledged that he will spend as much time as possible in direct contact with voters to find out their desires.

Bargiacchi is the father of three children, 13, 11 and 8, and lives at 112 Sixth St.

Protest Petitions Circulated To Block Lafayette Tavern

LAFAYETTE, Oct. 4. — Petitions protesting an application by Dewey Bargiacchi for an on sale liquor license are circulating here again today.

Bargiacchi, because similar protests were registered, withdrew an earlier request for a license to be used in a restaurant and cocktail lounge he planned to open on Hough Avenue.

This time he and his partner, Clifford Coakley, hope to establish their place of business on the corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Village Center, at the portals of Sunset Village.

Village residents contend the establishment would constitute a nuisance and "result in a police problem," if constructed on Vil-

lage Center, the sole access road to their subdivision.

Petitions are being passed around by A. D. Blalock, William J. McEniry and Edson H. Hill.

Bargiacchi's proposed restaurant will be modeled after his Villa de la Paix in Oakland.

New Restaurant Site Announced

LAFAYETTE, Sept. 27. — A new location for a proposed restaurant and cocktail lounge here was announced by Dewey Bargiacchi, who has withdrawn his application for an on sale liquor license in part of the Claudio Garibotti building.

Retraction of the application came as the result of a series of petitions circulated here protesting the location of a lounge near the residential district and adjacent to a church.

Bargiacchi said he did not wish to start out with "antagonism from the community." The proposed new site for his Villa Lafayette is at Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Village Center.

Hearing Slated in Row Over Liquor License Bid

LAFAYETTE, Nov. 4. — A hearing on a controversial liquor license application will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Board of Equalization offices, 604 Ferry St., Martinez.

Dewey Bargiacchi's request for an on-sale license to be used in a proposed restaurant and cocktail lounge on Village Center, Sunset Village, is under fire by residents, who contend such an establishment will constitute a nuisance and hazard.

Tabulation of petitions here indicate 90 per cent of the villagers are opposed. Ninety individual verification and 200 mass petitions have been signed, according to Fred Peglow.

Bargiacchi and his partner, Cliff Coakley, earlier withdrew a request for a license to be used in a bar and restaurant they planned to open on Hough Ave. when similar protests were registered by residents there.

State Agency Studies Protests Against Liquor License Bid

MARTINEZ, Nov. 9. — Protests against issuance of a liquor license to Dewey Bargiacchi for a proposed restaurant and cocktail lounge in Sunset Village are under study by Ivore R. Dains, state Board of Equalization hearing officer.

Dains yesterday afternoon heard testimony from four residents of the area, supported by a letter from H. L. Cummings of Crockett, chairman of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors. The applicant, the builder of the proposed restaurant and Capt. William E. Brock of the Oakland Police Department testified for the applicant.

Dains said his report would be presented to the state board at its December meeting in Sacramento.

Rejected as evidence for the applicant were letters from Lester J. Divine, Oakland Police Chief, and the Rev. Thomas Calkins. Dains said they could not be cross-examined and their written statements were thus of "no value."

More than 25 residents at-

tended the hearing. Testifying were Fred Peglow of 3694 Mosswood Drive, Roy C. Brown of 3769 Mosswood Drive, Ruth Baythie of 3775 Mosswood Drive and Seth R. Cushman of 3762 Mosswood Drive.

All stressed the residential character of the area, pointing out that only two of 16 commercial zoned lots were occupied. Streets are 25 feet wide with the exception of 75 foot wide Village Center St., which is the only outlet onto Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Heavy traffic attracted by the restaurant would congest the streets and lower property values, they said.

Bargiacchi told the examiner he planned to have two attendants park patrons cars in a service station lot across Village Center. His hours would be

from noon until between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., depending upon the volume of business, he said.

The proposed 10,000-square foot building would accommodate 200 patrons in its bar, dining room and banquet room. Ridgeway Woodburn, of Danville, who holds an option on the property, presented plans and architect's sketches of the structure. Capt. Brock, testified the Villa de la Paix had created no police problem in Oakland.

Dains said his report would be presented to the state Board of Equalization at its December meeting in Sacramento.

Rehearing Granted On Liquor License

LAFAYETTE, Jan. 17.—A liquor license application approved by the Board of Equalization has been scheduled for a rehearing before the new State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control following protests by local residents.

Atty. Robert T. Eshleman of the firm of Tinning and DeLap, representing the Sunset Village Improvement Club, Inc., said the group protests issuance of a license to Dewey Bargiacchi for a cocktail lounge and restaurant at Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Village Center.

The protest contends the decision to issue a license was made arbitrarily and was contrary to evidence presented, Eshleman said.

No date has been set for the rehearing.

New Move in

MAR 7 1955

License Dispute

LAFAYETTE, March 7.—In a new move against the request of Dewey Bargiacchi for a liquor license for a proposed cocktail lounge adjacent to their subdivision, residents of Sunset Village today have amended their tract restrictions to prohibit the sale of liquor there.

The citizens also have filed a supplement to their original protests with the State Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

A rehearing on Bargiacchi's request, scheduled for tomorrow in Martinez, has been postponed indefinitely, Villages' attorney Robert Eshleman reported.

The State Board of Equalization had approved Bargiacchi's application in one of its last actions on liquor licenses last December but the successor department has granted the rehearing.

Rehearing Scheduled On Lafayette Bar

MARTINEZ, April 27. — The State Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control will conduct a hearing here Tuesday on the application of Dewey Bargiacchi, Oakland restaurant operator, for a permit to operate a restaurant and cocktail lounge in Sunset Village, Lafayette.

Bargiacchi was granted a permit by the State Board of Equalization last December, but Robert T. Eshleman, attorney representing the Sunset Village Improvement Club, won a rehearing before the new control agency.

Lafayette Liquor Application Dropped

MARTINEZ, May 3. —Dewey Bargiacchi, Oakland restaurateur, today withdrew his application before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a permit to establish a restaurant and cocktail lounge at the entrance to Sunset Village, Lafayette.

A state officer had opened a hearing on the request when Bargiacchi's attorney, George R. Gordon, asked that it be withdrawn. The restaurant was opposed by the Sunset Village Improvement Club. The club's attorney, Robert T. Eshleman, won today's rehearing after Bargiacchi's request had been approved previously.

Second Wife Sues Cafeman For Divorce

Oakland restaurateur Dewey F. Bargiacchi, 39, today has been sued for divorce by his second wife after a marriage of less than two years.

The complaint, filed in Alameda County Superior Court, charges extreme cruelty and asks reasonable support. Mrs. June Bargiacchi, 29, avers there are no children and no community property.

Her attorney said a separate property agreement had been reached but declined to disclose the terms. Jan. 30 is the day set for an uncontested hearing before Superior Judge Donald K. Quayle.

Bargiacchi, of 2208 Lakeshore Ave., was former co-owner and manager of the Villa de la Paix and is currently one of the owners of the new Chandelier Restaurant, Second St. and Broadway, due to open in a month.

Bargiacchi was divorced by his first wife, Geraldine, after 11 years of marriage. They have three children.

The complaint says Bargiacchi married his second wife in Reno Jan. 27, 1955 and they separated last Oct. 1.

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Dewey Bargiacchi is the proudest guy in 48 states. His associate, John Pagano, is right up there on a private cloud too. A lifetime of being part of exquisite restaurants (Villa Chartier and Villa de la Paix) has given Dewey a concept that only the years can provide. And John is a vet in every sense of the word. Two young pros who know what they are doing, and are doing it in the ultimate. In short: The Chandelier opens near Jack London Square on Broadway Feb. 5 with Dewey and John as hosts.

This is a most important dining addition to Oakland, which seems to be gradually getting the kind of glamor that makes the local get-arounders content to dine in their own bailiwick, rather than go over the bridge to the fancy-dan establishments of note in San Francisco.

Bob Sarella, the Montclair interior decorator, will have to use liniment on his back muscles after all the bows he'll take when people start complimenting him on the 18th Century French and contemporary decor of the very chi chi Chandelier. Dewey and John will get compliments too for the imagination and the quarter-million they must have spent getting the Chandelier opened.

Dewey and John tore down the building which housed the old Net and built the Chandelier from scratch.

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Cafe Owner's Wife Granted Divorce, Cash

Testimony that her husband called her a "lousy wife and pushed me around" today won an interlocutory decree of divorce for Mrs. June Bargiacchi, 29, from Dewey F. Bargiacchi, a restaurant owner.

Alameda County Superior Judge Allen G. Norris granted her a decree after she also testified that her husband told his mother in her presence that he would have to go to Italy to get a good wife.

Corroborating witness was Mrs. Roy Bratton.

The court approves a property settlement under which Mrs. Bargiacchi is to get \$750 and waives all alimony.

Bargiacchi, 39, of 2208 Lakeshore Ave., is the former co-owner of the Villa de la Paix and now owns the Chandelier Restaurant on Broadway.

The couple married in Reno, Jan. 25, 1955.

Dewey Bargiacchi Enters Council Race

Dewey F. Bargiacchi, restaurant operator, today became the fifth candidate to file notice of intention to run for the District 3 seat on the Oakland City Council at the April 21 election.

Bargiacchi, who lives at 112 Sixth St., joined Marston Campbell, A. A. Bilotti, and John F. Quinn as opponents for Councilman Howard E. Rilea.

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PREFACE, OAKLAND HORSE, TRIUMPHS

STOCKTON, Aug. 25.—Scoring his third straight "leaky roof circuit" victory, Preface, owned by Dewey Bargiacchi of Oakland, Calif., hung a head decision on Iron Lash in the featured \$100 Colony Club Handicap at the San Joaquin County Fair yesterday afternoon. Rialta was third.

It was Stockton Day at the fair and a crowd estimated at 6000 was on hand for the half holiday festivities.

Preface was off fifth in the field of seven for the seven and one half furlong sprint, moved to the outside turning for home and outgamed Iron Lash in the drive for the wire.

Time for the distance was an excellent 1.31 2/5 and Preface returned \$8.80, 4.40 and 3.00

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Maintenance Suit Asks \$700 Monthly

Separate maintenance of \$700 a month was asked today by Mrs. Geraldine C. Bargiacchi, 26, from Dewey Bargiacchi, 30, manager of the Villa de la Paix, in a suit filed in Alameda County Superior Court.

Mrs. Bargiacchi, who alleges her husband earns \$1500 a month as manager of the restaurant, asks \$600 a month for herself and \$100 for a daughter.

The couple was married April 3, 1943, in Tacoma, Wash., and separated September 1, 1947.

She also asks a division of community property.

say it doesn't happen often!

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Dewey Bargiacchi, the Chandelier co-owner, is telling friends he'll make the race for Oakland councilman come April . . . Insuranceman George Jacopetti reveals the secret of an elephant memory for names: "Always remember the first name. You can always wangle the family name later." This is a fine system? "Now," groans Jacopetti, "if only I could remember that *first* name!" . . . Merchants catering to the Lower Broadway Muscatel and Tokay set are psychologists. The armless dummy wearing a coat jacket at a clothing store has the right sleeve neatly tucked under the left lapel in a strikingly Napoleonic gesture. And a bookstore show-windows an elegant book entitled "Nobility News." We can all look at the stars . . . Sign Spotter (Oakland Chapter) Omar Miller found the sign at a San Pablo Ave. gas station: "Please Don't Trade With Us—We're Losing Enough as It Is." . . .

Complete City Vote Returns

CITY COUNCIL

District 1 (Full Term)

Lee	26,179
Chialvo	24,701
Dempster	20,190

District 3 (Full Term)

Rilea (incumbent)	21,135
Eng	12,699
Quinn	12,136
Bilotti	9,234
Campbell	8,351
Bargiacchi	4,267
Calderon	3,787

District 5 (Full Term)

Maggiora (incumbent)	36,208
Kelly	16,516
Hunter	13,697

District 7 (Short Term)

Houlihan (incumbent)	38,137
Sarvey	27,398

District 7 (Full Term)

Houlihan (incumbent)	37,235
Sarvey	26,933

At-Large (Short Term)

Marovich (incumbent)	22,772
Berkley	18,644
Rossi	12,391
Corbett	10,112
Milner	6,410

At-Large (Full Term)

Marovich (incumbent)	21,052
Berkley	17,052
Rossi	11,638
Corbett	9,045
Milner	5,347
Marsh	2,536

Incumbent Councilmen Win, Lead

THE APR 22 1959

Two Elected, Pair Face May Runoff; School Races Settled

Two city councilmen won clear victories, two other council incumbents led their fields to gain renomination and two school directors were elected in yesterday's primary election.

A proposal to raise the mayor's salary from \$7,500 to \$12,000 annually was defeated nearly 2-1. Three other City Charter amendments were approved.

Mrs. Marjorie M. Hirschler and Barney E. Hilburn were elected school directors by big margins to turn back a bid for partisan political control of the Board of Education.

MAGGIORA REELECTED

Councilman Fred Maggiora was reelected by polling more votes than the combined total of his opponents, Daniel L. Kelly and Paul Hunter.

Councilman John C. Houlihan, appointed in January, won both an unexpired and full terms by defeating Robert E. Sarvey with ease.

Incumbent Howard E. Rilea led a seven-man field in Council District 3, but will face a runoff in the May 19 general election against Dr. Raymond L. Eng. Dr. Eng, an optometrist, edged John F. Quinn, bartenders' union business representative, by 563 votes on the basis of complete unofficial returns from all 907 precincts.

Trailing in this order were Anthony A. Bilotti, Marston Campbell, Dewey F. Bargiacchi and Isidoro Calderon.

Oakland Cafeman Sued for Divorce

Dewey C. Bargiacchi, 34, manager of the Villa de la Paix, restaurant and tavern at 251 Sixth Street, has been sued for divorce by his wife.

The action was filed in Alameda County Superior Court yesterday on behalf of Mrs. Geraldine Bargiacchi, 30, by Atty. Clarence De Lancey, charging mental cruelty.

The complaint states that a property settlement was made prior to filing of the action. She asks for divorce, custody of the three children, Victoria 7½, Francis 5, and Theresa 2, \$225 a month for support of the children, \$150 a month alimony, and \$500 attorney's fees.

The couple was married April 3, 1943 at Tacoma, Wash. Mrs. Bargiacchi filed a separate maintenance petition in Superior Court on September 1, 1947 asking for \$700 a month for support of herself and a daughter, but the action was dropped four days later.

In the original complaint she declared her husband's earnings amounted to \$1500 a month.

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... Accent on Sports ...

You meet the most intriguing people at the ball park . . .

There's Dewey Bargiacchi, who wants to buy the A's.

When Charlie Finley returns here for the third or fourth time all season, Dewey will make him an offer.

"I talked to Charlie once before about buying the club," said the Oakland restaurateur. "But at that time he wanted \$15 million. That's when he had all those big guns that helped Oakland win three straight World Series titles.



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"Now the A's are a stripped-down model. The club should sell for half the price. And I'm ready to buy."

But is Charlie Finley ready to sell? I don't think so. Oh, Charlie will say if the price is right, he might be tempted.

But I have the feeling no amount of money will do it.

It's a matter of ego. The same fierce ego that keeps George Blanda playing for the Raiders keeps Charlie Finley hanging on to the A's.

Both enjoy the competition — and the limelight. They'll go down fighting rather than be deprived of what feeds their egos.

Blanda eventually may be able to accept not seeing his name and picture in the paper. But Finley, I'm afraid, would go bananas if he couldn't make a headline or fill a column.

Without the A's, Charlie Finley is just another insurance man. Charlie wouldn't like that.

Willie Shoemaker once touched on the subject. "Sure I could retire now," said the great jockey. "But what would I do? Just walk around being another little guy?"

Finley can talk all he wants about the miseries of owning the A's. He can lecture at some business college and insist, "All I've had is grief."

He can cry at a sports banquet about how these pampered players are grabbing all the money in sports. He can tell a friendly writer how not one of his A's is hitting .300, yet they all want more than \$100,000 and multi-year contracts and their whining makes him sick.

makes him sick.

He can call the baseball commissioner an idiot. He can berate the other clubowners for being stupid. He can moan about the way the A's blew so many games this season "I didn't even know if I wanted to go out and see them play."

But deep down inside, where a man feels the truth of things, Charlie knows he wouldn't have traded 16 years of the A's for any other business.

A nation watched on television as Charlie danced atop the A's dugout after winning a World Series. It watched again as Reggie Jackson poured champagne over Charlie's head after another Series win. It watched once more as Charlie congratulated Alvin Dark for a third straight Oakland World Series win. Charlie could have sold a million insurance policies and never achieved the satisfaction, the glory, the emotion he experienced winning those ball games.

He never will be able to top it. Even the memories can keep Charlie glowing on a cold night. Some might say now that he has had it all, why not get out? What else is there to gain? Maybe there isn't much left. Business is down. That's why Dewey Bargaracchi and a few other Oakland people think Charlie might sell. Local ownership would please many fans here. And they think now is the time.

But they don't know Charlie.

Restaurant to Open After Labor Trouble

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Francesco's Restaurant is expected to reopen today for New Year's Eve business following a two-day shutdown by Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Local 28.

Owner Dewey Bargiacchi was able to reopen the lounge yesterday after obtaining a court order stopping Local 28's picketing, but was unable to serve dinner until today.

U.S. District Judge Cecil Poole signed a temporary restraining order late Wednesday directing Local 28 officials to call off pickets at the popular Hegenberger Road restaurant. A hearing is scheduled for next Thursday on whether to make the order permanent.

Bargiacchi said he also plans to sue Local 28 for about \$7,500 per day in damages for business lost during the shutdown.

The dispute began when a

busboy was fired for "not handling his station correctly," after having been given three written warnings, Bargiacchi said.

He said the union refused to let the matter go through grievance procedures spelled out in the contract.

\$5,000 for return of stolen guns

JAN 8 1981
Dewey Bargiacchi, owner of Francesco's restaurant on Hegenberger Road in Oakland, is offering a \$5,000 reward for the return of his valuable gun collection, taken during a burglary.

Bargiacchi said the guns, all Colts, were Centennial pieces worth more than \$50,000. They included .38- and .45-caliber revolvers, some with pearl-handle grips.

The burglary occurred late Sunday night when the front doors to the restaurant were smashed in. The thieves broke into a glass case housing the weapons and fled before police arrived.

Police Sgt. Zeddie Williams of the burglary detail is handling the investigation.

PRO FOOTBALL REPORT

Restaurateur bankrolls plea to

By Ron Borges
Tribune Staff Writer

JAN 15 1981

It may not work, but Dewey Bargiocchi figures it's better than nothing.

Bargiocchi, an Oakland restaurant owner, was tired of reading about Al Davis' exploits with the Oakland Raiders. The football victories which have the Raiders headed for New Orleans and Super Bowl XV Jan. 25 were all well and good, but all this talk about them flying the coop for Los Angeles was getting to be a bit much.

So Bargiocchi hit upon the idea of doing some flying of his own in a last-gasp attempt to avoid the legal Super Bowl between Davis and NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle set to kick off Feb. 9.

What the 61-year-old restaurateur did was shell out roughly \$3,000 and the use of his 1941 Stearman airplane to tow a huge banner over the Raider practice field for three days this week stating in concise but emphatic terms his plea for reason.

"Al Davis Have A Heart Don't Tear Our Raiders and Oakland Apart," the banner read. A simple but eloquent message, a final plea for

sanity directed at a long-time friend who seems intent on becoming a short-term Oakland resident.

"Sure I feel betrayed about their trying to leave," Bargiocchi said Wednesday. "We raised the Raiders. They were born here in Oakland. If they go to Los Angeles it will be like losing a kid. We've babied these people so long. We've watched them grow out of their diapers to Super Bowl champions.

"I'd do anything to keep them here."

One of those things was to send his friend, Milo Tichack, flying around the Raider practice field towing a sign the size of the Goodyear blimp. Along with that plane, Bargiocchio financed a second plane to send up a bevy of photographers and reporters to chronicle the latest effort to convince the Raiders' managing general partner to "have a heart."

"Al is a fine guy . . . for Al," Bargiocchi said. "He really wants to go to L.A. for one reason — M-O-N-E-Y. As a businessman, I think he's right. But for what Oakland has done for the Raiders and Al Davis — that's a different story.

"He should appreciate the fans a hell of a lot

more than he does. I know Al very well and he's the same guy he's always been. He's for Al Davis. But I still like Al.

"He's not a bad guy, he just knows what he wants. Socially, he's a great guy. Does he have a heart? I think he does. I hope so."

What Bargiocchi also hopes is that his sign will call attention to the very real possibility that a Super Bowl champion could abandon its city before another kickoff dawns. It is a thought which put a thought in Bargiocchi's head.

"I just hope it makes people think a little more about this," Bargiocchi said. "Maybe the politicians will think a little more . . . and maybe Al will think about it, too."

Some of those politicians voted Tuesday night to spend an estimated \$400,000 to hire a Washington lobbyist to push for federal legislation that would require a franchise to stay in its city unless there are overwhelming financial reasons to leave.

The Oakland City Council also voted to spend \$12,000 to stage a Super Bowl sendoff for the Raiders and a parade on their return.

to Davis

And, of course, Bargiocchi put in his \$3,000 worth, in his own way.

"The sign got a lot of attention in the papers and on television," Bargiocchi said. "It was a sentimental thing, but it was money well spent."

Especially if it brings results.



For the Raiders to win Super Bowl XV, they not only have to beat the Philadelphia Eagles, but also the Sports Illustrated curse. SI had originally scheduled a photo of the Eagles on its Jan. 14 cover, but that was changed to a photo of Oakland fullback Mark van Eeghen, with the inscription "Bring on the Eagles" across the front.

A week ago, the magazine's cover featured a photo of San Diego running back Chuck Muncie bringing on the Raiders. Less than a week later that cover and the Raider offense brought on an AFC championship victory, for Oakland.

Bargiocchi, for one, doesn't put much store in such things as SI covers however. "You know the Raiders are going to win," he said. "It's instilled in them. It's just there. How could you bet against them after you have seen what's happened?"

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT No. 3

I, DEWEY F. BARGIACCHI, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Oakland, and make the following statement, to-wit:

1. That my name is Dewey F. Bargiacchi.
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Councilman, District No. 3.
3. That my residence is 112 6th Street.
4. The place of my birth is Oakland, California.
5. My occupation for the past five years has been Owner of restaurants — Villa de La Paix and Chandelier restaurants.
6. I have held the following public office: None.
7. I have voted at an Oakland Municipal Election within the last four years.

8. Statement of general qualifications: Friends whose judgement I value have asked me to run for the Oakland City Council. As a native-born resident of Oakland and the father of three small children who are being reared in Oakland, I have a deep interest in my city's future. If elected I would do everything in my power to strengthen the citizenry's pride in the City Council. The importance of a city council cannot be over-estimated — if it fails to meet its full potential, the broader areas of government, the state, the nation and our participation in world-affairs becomes meaningless. Representative government must be responsive government. If elected, my constant guide would be: "Is this matter before the council in the public interest and does it represent the will of the people?" To get the right answers, I would spend as much time as possible in direct contact with the voters.

9. The signatures of not more than twenty nor less than ten residents of the City of Oakland sponsoring my candidacy are as follows:

Edw. M. Deemer, 10901 Elvessa.
Earl W. Johnson 6854 Estates Dr.
Louis A. Sodawasser, 370 Santa Clara Ave.
A. D. Ghirardelli, 3515 Grand Ave.
James E. Roberts 5630 Country Club Dr.
Alfred J. Canfield, 1107 Underhill Rd.

Robert Garcia, 2015 Drake Dr.
Richard M. Layne, 1540 Jackson St.
Herbert Bonner, 449 West MacArthur.
J. L. Prall, 70 Maiden Lane.
Lynn A. Schloss, 5625 Ocean View Dr.
James S. Heath, 4700 Stacy St.

Harry Moris, 271 Vernon St.
Harold Jenkins, 1748 7th St.
Arthur C. Volanti, 1440 Broadway.
George Weber, 2602 11th Ave.
E. R. Bellett, 751 Trestle Glen Rd.
Patrick E. Sweeney, 729 8th St.
W. S. McCall, 2220 Lakeshore Ave.
Nick Rokovich, 1901 96th Ave.

(Signed) DEWEY F. BARGIACCHI.

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA }
STATE OF CALIFORNIA } ss.
CITY OF OAKLAND }

DEWEY F. BARGIACCHI, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the candidate above named, and that he has made the above and foregoing statement and has signed his name thereto pursuant to the requirements of Subdivision 20½ of Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Oakland, and that each and every statement therein made is true and correct of his own knowledge.

(Signed) DEWEY F. BARGIACCHI.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March, 1959.

GEORGE A. DINI, Deputy City Clerk.



Dewey Gets His Due —Man of the Year

OCT 25 1977

"Where's Dewey?" a customer asked.

Dewey Bargiacchi was at the bar, drinking, chatting, laughing with several friends.

Few restaurant and saloon owners swing with the crowd quite like the gregarious boss of Francesco's, a continental eating and drinking palace on Heegenberger Road.

"Owning a restaurant," said Dewey, "is like being in show business. You're always on stage. You've got to be a gladiator. I love people."

"Maybe that's why I'm such a soft touch when it comes to giving to charities...United Way...City of Hope...Catholic charities...all denominations. If you've got it, give it. It's only money."

Dewey Bargiacchi has been in the restaurant business since his

Ed Levitt



mother owned the North Pole Club in West Oakland when he was a youngster.

"Mom owned three restaurants—the North Pole, the Villa Chartier in San Mateo and the Villa de la Paix in Oakland. She retired and John Pagano and I opened the Chandelier at Second and Broadway. We operated there from 1957 until 1961 when we sold out to Bill Peluso."

"After that I sold cars and tended bar. Nine years ago I opened Francesco's."

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The dark-haired, round-faced, little guy who will be honored as Man of the Year by the local branch of the City of Hope wasn't always a dedicated restaurateur.

The Bargiacchi name has been synonymous with operating restaurants in Oakland for more than a quarter century. First it was Josephine Bargiacchi. Now it's her son Dewey. But Dewey Bargiacchi is more than a restaurateur. He is a happy man who does good things for people and this Saturday night, at a \$30-a-plate dinner, the local branch of the City of Hope will honor him as Man of the Year. In a recent interview with Tribune reporter Ed Levitt, Bargiacchi talked about—among other things—his days as a ballplayer, a gambler, a carouser, a guy who blew \$100,000 one year on good times and who now wants to buy the A's 'to keep them in Oakland.'

"You learn by the mistakes you make in life," said Dewey, "and I had a few falls. I used to play the horses. I got a few dollars ahead. I thought I had it made. I wouldn't take care of the business."

"I was a good-time Charlie for 10 years. It was wine, women and song. And gambling. For me to lose \$1,000 on a bet was nothing. One year I blew \$100,000 on the horses."

"The carousing, the gambling

and the time I spent catching up at the restaurant ruined my three marriages. It's awfully tough on a wife hitched to a guy in the restaurant business. Temptation... jealousy... drinking. It's murder on a marriage."

"But I don't regret what I did. I had the greatest time of my life. I wouldn't change anything. I'm so happy the way it turned out for the best. My mother saved me from going under. She was a strong woman."

"Her success in the restaurant business was being in the kitchen. She cooked. And she made sure everything was prepared right. She'd get up at 4 in the morning to pick up fresh vegetables for lunch. I learned the restaurant business from my mother. Now my daughter, Theresa, and my son, Frankie, are learning it from me."

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Theresa, a 27-year-old pixie-faced brunette with a B.A. degree from Cal, works as the head hostess and takes care of banquets.

Frankie, who is 29, married and has one child, started as a dishwasher and busboy. Now he is second in command, and runs the place when his dad is not around.

Vicky, at 30 the oldest of the Bargiacchi brood, started out as a registered nurse. She also ended up working for her dad in the restaurant. After one year she met David DeBenedetti, got married and settled in Sacramento.

"Dad's mellowed," said Theresa as she took change behind the cash register. "He's not as tough as he used to be. Now he tends to see things from another point of view. He's more open to suggestions. The ideas that Frankie and I offer are usually rejected, but at least dad listens

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and weighs them. He never gets angry.

"I think working with dad has brought us closer together. But we've always been close. You develop a different kind of perspective and another kind of respect for your father when you work for him.

"My parents were divorced when I was one year old. So the relationship between the kids and dad is really remarkable. Not living with him for 26 years, and not being that closely associated with him, and yet here we are one happy family. That says a lot about my dad. He cared enough about us over the years to make our relationship such a happy one.

"He's done a lot of good for people. He is always giving to some charity or another. But he never wants to talk about it. He prefers to work in the background."

"I was the one who pushed him into accepting the Man of the Year award," said Frankie. "For all the good he's done, I felt he deserved the recognition. But dad has one bad trait that you should know about.

"After all these years of owning restaurants—and being a success at it—he still can't cook. He knows how things are supposed to taste. But he can't make it taste that way. Yet there he is every morning, trying to cook for himself. Poor guy."

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Dewey Bargiacchi never really wanted to be a big-time restaurant owner. "I'm disappointed I never became a major league baseball player. I could have done well — even if I'm only 5-6," Dewey confesses at the age of 58.

"I made All-City playing second base for Oakland Tech. Then I enrolled at St. Mary's College, played ball and was offered a contract by the Boston Red Sox. But it was Depression time and I had to help my mother at her North Pole Club. I stayed with mom until I went into the Army in 1940.

"I was in the service four years. When I came out I opened a place called the Vets Club in West Oakland. A year and a half later I unloaded it and joined mom in opening the Villa de la Paix in Oakland.

"So it's been in and out of restaurants or tending bars or selling cars. But I was always a frustrated baseball player. Maybe that's why I'm such a sentimental slob when it comes to old ballplayers. They played for the love of the game. Today the guys play for the money."

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"I sent Charlie a plant when he got sick. On the get-well card I wrote, 'In case you ever want to sell your club, let me know.' But I never heard

from him about it. I could get money from local people to buy the A's. We'd have a limited-partner program like the Raiders. I'm positive the A's could still be a financial success here. But it'll take local people to do it."

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And what makes life worth living for Dewey Bargiacchi?

"My three children," he said. "I'm trying to teach them what I learned from my mother . . . to save a dollar for a rainy day. It's very important in business. You better have something behind you . . . just in case."

His ambition? "I just want to live to be 100 .

. . . and fade away from the business. I'd like to go out on a golf course and shoot 80 when I'm 90 years old.

"I have a lady friend, Karin Preston, who's very nice. We're thinking about getting married. Even after three divorces, I still think marriage is great."

And what about being Man of the Year?

"It's one of the biggest things that ever happened to me."

"Where's Dewey?" somebody called. And the Man of the Year went flying to greet another customer.

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SAN LEANDRO — Dewey Bargiacchi is a rarity — a person who has realized most of his fantasies.

He directs a bank, runs a restaurant, flies his own plane and owns vineyards in Sonoma County.

As one of the directors of the Bay Bank of Commerce in San Leandro, "Bargiacchi sets policy, provides guidance and develops business in the area," says Robert Swanson, chairman of the bank board.

"Because he knows so many people, and is a tireless worker in our behalf, Bargiacchi is by far the bank's best business promoter," Swanson adds.

He points out that San Leandro is a highly competitive market, dotted now with at least 16 banks.

Yet, spurred on by Bargiacchi, Bay Bank of Commerce has leaped from "zero deposits to \$19 million in two years," Swanson says.

"We even started a system where we go out to the business people in the community and pick up their no-cash deposits."

By attracting construction people, small businessmen, plumbers, merchants, doctors, among others, the Bay Bank of Commerce now boasts 1,500 customers.

"Not bad for a small, independent, locally owned and operated bank in San Leandro," Swanson says.

It seems that everything Dewey Bargiacchi touches turns to success.

Francesco's, the restaurant he opened on Hegenberger Road between the Oakland Coliseum and Oakland Airport, is one of the Eastbay's busiest eating establishments.

It has lured some 1,200 people daily since 1967.

Feeding people is a tradition with the Bargiacchis. They have operated major Oakland restaurants longer than any other family.

"Josephine, my mother, started us in the business in 1932 when she opened the North Pole Club in West Oakland," Bargiacchi says.

He was 14. "I worked as a dishwasher, then graduated into cooking."

The Bargiacchis opened three more restaurants before settling down at Francesco's — named after Dewey's father, Francesco Bargiacchi, who died in 1931. He would have been 100 years old this year.

But it was Josephine Bargiacchi who taught her son Dewey all about the restaurant business.

"From her I learned how to buy, to sell, to communicate, to organize," Bargiacchi acknowledges.

Josephine Bargiacchi, who died five years ago, also taught her son a formula he was to follow in all his pursuits.

"Go first class," she told me.

It is a line he stresses to his children — Frank, 35, and Theresa, 31, who work in the restaurant, and to his other daughter, Vicky, 37, who lives in Sacramento.

"Without my kids," he admits, "I wouldn't get the freedom to pursue my hobbies."

One hobby is flying. He started six years ago and now owns two planes, including an old two-seat Stearman that was used to train pilots in World War 11.

He has recorded 800 hours of flying.

"It's given me a new life," Bargiacchi says.

Now he hops into one of his planes and flies to Valley of the Moon in Sonoma County every week to check on his vineyards — 25 acres of Chardonnay, six acres of Zinfandel, five acres of Pinot Noir.

"I just grow the grapes," Bargiacchi says.

The wine from his grapes is being made by the Kenwood Winery and carries the Francesco logo. The Chardonnay is sold by the bottle at Francesco's.

Bargiacchi, small and sturdy and looking younger than his 64 years, sips coffee while answering questions.

He says a few words to his son-in-law, Mike Erwin, who works as a chef at night. Then he gets

up to greet his customers, smiling, laughing, exchanging jokes.

"It's been a fantastic life and no regrets," Bargiacchi says. "I'm here every morning at 6:30. I can't stop working. I love the action, the people, the laughs. But the restaurant business is tough on marriages. It caused two of my divorces. But I love mingling with people, serving them. I can't give it up. It keeps me happy."